

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 8, 9, 12, 14-19, 29, and 32-40 were pending at the time of the last office action. Applicant has amended claim 1, canceled claims 29 and 32-40, and presented new claims 44-46. Thus, claims 1-3, 8, 9, 12, 14-19, and 44-46 are now pending.

Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for his consideration during the telephone interview of February 12, 2009. During that interview, applicant's representative described proposed new claim 44 and any potential Section 101 issue. The Examiner indicated that the claim likely complies with Section 101 requirements.

Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for indicating the allowance of claims 1-3, 8, 9, 12, and 14-19. Applicant has amended claim 1 to correct a minor typographical error. Applicant has added claims 44-46, which are directed to a computer-readable storage device that contains all the features of allowed claim 1. Thus, applicant respectfully submits that claims 44-46 are also allowable.

Based upon the above amendments and remarks, applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application and its early allowance. If the Examiner has any questions or believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned at (206) 359-8548.

Please charge any deficiencies or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 50-0665, under Order No. 418268002US from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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Respectfully submitted,

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